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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS NOTES

1. CONFRONTATION PREPARATIONS. SUNDAY PRESS REPORTS
CONTINUATION OF ASU MEETINGS AND POLITICAL RALLIES, SEVERAL
OF WHICH ARE TO BE ATTENDED BY FIRST SECRETARY GHANEM;
AND MOCK AIR RAIDS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NIGHTTIME IN
CAIRO AREA. AIR RAID DRILLS WERE REPORTEDLY HELD IN HELIOPOLIS
AND INTNL AIRPORT APRIL 8. MONDAY APRIL 9 PRESS NOTES THAT
MINISTER OF INDUSTRY MOHAMMADAYN HAS PREPARED PLAN TO PREPARE
EGYPTIAN INDUSTRY FOR BATTLE CONDITIONS, SO THAT PRODUCTION MAY
CONTINUE. PLAN ENCOMPASSES ALTERNATE SOURCES OF POWER AND
WATER, AND INCREASED TRAINING IN FIRE- FIGHTING AND RESCUE
WORK FOR LABORERS. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, MININT SALEM
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AND HAFEZ GHANEM MET WITH INTERNAL SECURITY COMMITTEE APRIL 8 TO DISCUSS (AS PRESS REPORTS IT) TASKS DURING THE STAGE OF CONFRONTATION.

2. CAIRO ENGLISH LANGUAGE GAZETTE OF APRIL 7 AND APRIL 9 CARRIED REPORTS DRAWN FROM NORTH KOREAN NEWS AGENCY, THAT EGYPTIAN COS SHAZLI ARRIVED IN PYONGYANG AT HEAD OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY DELEGATION AND MET WITH DPRK COS O JIM- U. (REPORTS OF SHAZLI' S TRIP HAVE NOT BEEN CARRIED IN ARABIC PAPERS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM CAIRO- BASED WESTERN CORRESPONDENT, ALSO DRAWING FROM NORTH KOREAN NEWS AGENCY, THAT SHAZLI WAS IN PEKING LAST WEEK.)

3. APRIL 9 PRESS REPORTS THAT GOE PLAN OF ACTION WILL BE PRESENTED TO PEOPLE' S ASSEMBLY APRIL 21 BY HATEM. LATER IN MONTH SADAT WILL ADDRESS JOINT MEETING OF PA AND ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

4. PEOPLE' S ASSEMBLY PERMANENT COMMITTEE HAS MET OVER WEEKEND, EMERGED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO COOPERATE MORE FULLY WITH ASU (THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER BY ASU PARLIAMENTARY BLOC), ESTABLISH A PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX, IMPOSE " PRODUCTION TAX" ON LUXURY GOODS-- INCLUDING GASOLINE, TOBACCO AND CERTAIN KINDS OF COTTON CLOTH, AND TIGHTEN ANTI- SMUGGLING MEASURES. GREENE

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